

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6 were examined and reported in the Office Action. Claims 4 and 6 are rejected. Claims 4 and 6 are canceled. Claims 1-3 remain.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

I. 35 U.S.C. §112

It is asserted in the Office Action that claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has canceled claim 4. Therefore the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection for claim 4 is moot.

II. 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

It is asserted in the Office Action that claims 4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,914,577 issued to Stewart et al ("Stewart"). Applicant has canceled claims 4 and 6. Therefore the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejections for claims 4 and 6 are moot.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's assertion that claims 1-3 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending, namely 1-3, patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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